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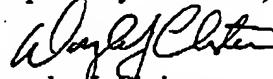
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Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application.

- (1) Submission in Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (1 pg.);
- (2) Amendment (10 pgs.) in response to Office Action dated January 10, 2005 with legible copies of NPL documents (12 pgs.).

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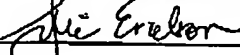
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In re the application of:

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This Amendment is being submitted in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 18, 2005. As this Amendment is being submitted within one month of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, it is believed that no extension of time is payable. If it is determined that an extension of time is payable, the Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of January 10, 2005 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 18, 2005, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

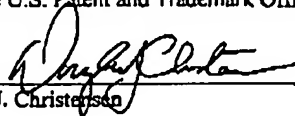
The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Claims
- B. Remarks

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